

In the Claims

A complete set of claims is provided below, with amendments indicated by strikethrough text (for deletions) and underlining (for insertions). Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 5, 8-10, 13, 16-20, 22-29, 32-38, 42, 48-53 and 57-71 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-38. (canceled)

39. (previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having a CUB domain, said polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26.

40. (previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having a CUB domain, said polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27.

41. (previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 40, consisting essentially of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

42. (canceled)

43. (canceled)

44. (previously amended) An expression vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 39 or claim 40.

45. (canceled)

46. (original) A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 44.

47-55. (canceled)

56. (previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26 for use as a medicament.

57-72. (canceled)

73. (previously added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any of claims 39 to 41, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient therefor.